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2024729-7034533001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Robert R. Burnside et al.

Serial No.: 10/634,533

Filed: August 4, 2003

For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS TO
IDENTIFY AND DISABLE RE-
USED DEVICES BASED ON
DETECTING ENVIRONMENTAL
CHANGES

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) **Group Art Unit:** 2857 (parent
) application)

) **Examiner:** Charioui Mohamed (parent
) application)

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

- ☒ Supplemental Preliminary Amendment (5 pgs.)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2518, billing reference 2024729-7034533001.

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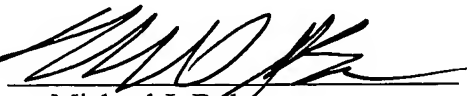
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to consideration of this application and prior to calculation of the claim fees, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice and add the following new claims:

43. (New) A method of limiting usage of a medical probe, comprising:
- detecting an environmental condition to which the medical probe is exposed;
 - electronically storing a probe sterilization indicator in the medical probe if the detected environmental condition indicates exposure of the medical probe to a sterilization cycle;